

Crochet Newborn Owl Hat



Things You Will Need:

- Worsted weight yarn-light rose, caramel, cream, mustard
- Crochet hooks-K and H
- Scissors
- Yarn needle
- Measuring tape
- Straight pins

Abbreviations:

- ch = chain
- st(s) = stitch(es)
- sl st = slip stitch
- sc = single crochet
- sk = skip
- hdc = half double crochet
- dc = double crochet
- dec = decrease
- rnd(s) = round(s)
- tr = treble crochet

Gauge (K hook):

- 3 dc = 1"
- 3 dc rows = 2"
- Gauge is not necessary for owl features (eyes, beak, ear tufts).

Special Notes:

- Shells are made up of multiple sts in one st. Pattern calls for 5-dc-shells, 8-dc-shells and 10-tr-shells.
- Do not ch up at the beginning of any rnd unless instructed.

Hat:

Using light rose yarn and a K crochet hook, form a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as first dc). Dc 11 more times in the ring. Pull the tail to cinch the center closed. (12 dc)

Rnd 2: 2 dc in each st around. (24 dc)

Rnd 3: *Dc in the first st, 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. (36 dc)

Rnd 4: *Sc in the first st, sk 2 sts, 5 dc in the next st (5-dc-shell made), sk 2 sts.* Repeat from * to * 5 more times. End with a sc. (6 shells)

Rnd 5: Shell in same sc just made. Sc in the middle st of next shell. *Shell in next sc, sc in the middle of next shell. *Repeat from * to * around. End with the last shell made in the first st of the rnd. (7 shells)

Rnds 6-9: Continue the pattern *shell in next sc, sc in the middle of next shell* around. (7 shells)

Rnd 10: Repeat rnd 6 with 8-dc-shells. (7 shells)

DO NOT fasten off.

First Earflap:

Sl st in the center of the next shell, 10-tr-shell in next sc, sl st in the center of next shell. Fasten off.

Second Earflap:

Sk next shell and sc. Attach yarn to the center of next shell, 10-tr-shell in next sc, sl st in the center of next shell. Fasten off.

Edging:

Turn the hat with the back facing you. Attach caramel yarn to the center back. Ch 1, sc around the edge of the hat and earflaps. Sl st to ch 1 and fasten off. Weave in all ends.

Note: The back of the hat has one shell between flaps and the front has two shells.

**Eyes (make 2):**

Using caramel yarn and an H crochet hook, form a magic ring.

Rnd 1: Ch 2 (counts as first hdc). Hdc 11 more times in the ring. Pull the tail to cinch the center closed. (12 hdc)

Rnd 2: Change to light rose yarn. 2 sc in each st around. (24 sc)

Rnd 3: Change to cream yarn. *dc in next st, 2 dc in the next.* Repeat from * to * around. (36 dc) Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.



Ear Tufts (make 2):

Using light rose yarn and a K crochet hook, form a magic ring.

Rnd 1: 5 sc in the ring. Pull the tail to cinch the center closed. (5 sc)

Rnd 2: 2 sc in each st around. (10 sc)

Rnds 3-5: Sc in each st around.

Sl st to next st and fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

**Beak:**

Using mustard yarn and an H crochet hook, ch 6.

Row 1: Sc in the second ch from the hook and in each ch across. (5 sc)

Row 2: Ch 1, turn. Dec over next 2 sts, sc in the next, dec in the last 2 sts. (3 sc)

Row 3: Ch 1, turn. Dec all three sts together. (1 sc) Ch 1, turn. Sl st around beak. Fasten off leaving a tail for sewing.

**Assembly and Finishing:**

Step 1: Thread the tail of one eye on a yarn needle. Place the eyes beside each other and whip stitch four matching edge stitches on each eye together. Center the eyes on the front of the hat just above the last shell row. Pin to hold. Using the yarn tails from each eye, sew the eyes to the hat.

Step 2: Overlap the beak on the eyes and the face. Sew the beak to the hat.

Step 3: Flatten the hat with the front facing you. Sew the ear tufts to the side of the head on rnds 2 and 3.

Step 4: Cut a 6" length of light rose, caramel and cream yarn. Holding all 3 strands together and using a crochet hook, pull the strands through a top st on an ear tuft. Bring the strands together and tie in a knot. Unravel each strand. Repeat this step for the remaining ear tuft.

Step 5: Cut 2 strands each of light rose, caramel and cream yarn 40" long. Holding the strands together, insert all 6 strands through the bottom center of an earflap. Pull the strands through and bring both ends of the bundle together. You now have 12 strands. Divide the strands into three equal groups. Braid the groups leaving a 2" tassel at the end. Tie a knot above the tassel. Unravel each strand of the tassel. Repeat a tie for the other earflap in the same way.